Park and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting May 19, 2009 5:30 pm Pendora Park Fieldhouls

Meeting Summary

Committee Members Present – M. Zuber, R. Epler – 2.

Others Present – S. Katzenmoyer, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

It was noted that a quorum was not present. As a result, no official business was conducted.

Report from Recreation Director

Mr. Zuber reported:

- 3rd & Spruce and 11th & Pike Rec Centers are having some maintenance work done during the "between" season time. Work includes painting and refinishing the floors.
- Playground leader interviews continue.
- There is a problem with a drain at Schlegel pool. Staff is working to correct this issue as quickly as possible so the pool opening is not delayed. Schlegel is a 400,000 gallon pool.
- Day Camp registrations are being accepted. Day Camp runs out of the 3rd & Spruce Rec Center from June 15 through August 12. The program runs Monday through Friday and is open to 50 children ages 7 12. Lunch and snacks are served and activities and trips are planned.
- The tennis program continues to be a huge success thanks to Matt Lubas and Larry Zerbe. The program will run year round and is currently serving 1,500 2,000 children on a regular basis.
- A summer intern is being interviewed to assist with clerical work on a part time basis.
- Mr. Zuber is serving on the City Safety Committee. The committee is examining all areas of the City in conjunction with the Risk and Safety Manager.
- The Spring/Summer event and program newsletter has been received and is being distributed.
- The walk through at Baer Park has been completed. The contractors did excellent work with a few minor items to correct. The grand opening ceremony will be held on June 17.
- The projects at Essig and 3rd & Spring playgrounds are waiting for a response from DCNR for grant funding.

• Northmont playground will be rehabilitated in 2010 and that will complete all rehabilitations.

Ms. Epler questioned what plans are being made for the wading pool at Pendora Park. Mr. Zuber replied that there were plans for a garden but that there is inadequate drainage so that plan will not work. He had no further information.

Ms. Epler questioned if the Lantern Parade would be moving forward for this summer season. Mr. Zuber will follow up with Heather Boyer.

Ms. Epler suggested that the leaders be taught how to make lanterns. Mr. Zuber indicated that they are taught to make the lanterns during their training sessions. He stated that there are problems transporting children to one location during evening hours. He suggested that the lanterns at each playground be judged and ribbons awarded.

Mr. Epler noted her agreement with this idea. She stated that winners should be celebrated and the events advertised. She questioned if the winning lanterns could be displayed. Mr. Zuber stated that he would suggest having the winners and their lanterns on BCTV. He will request that Heather attend the June meeting.

Ms. Epler questioned which sports would be a focus of the summer program. Mr. Zuber stated that tennis, basketball, and baseball will be the sports this summer. He added that trips, crafts and cooking instruction are also planned.

Ms. Epler noted the willingness of the Pendora Park Association to donate money towards hats and/or jerseys for the Pendora sports teams.

The next meeting of the PARC will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Issues for follow up:

- Lantern Parade
- Volleyball
- Skateboard Park
- Dog Park
- Jogging trails
- Checkerboard tables
- Adult exercise/yoga
- Hockey roller/deck
- Mural program